

## PAY! PAY! SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

WHO'S TO PAY AND HOW? ASK THE BRITISH TAXPAYERS.

New Insurance Schemes for Workers May Cut Wages and Increase Unemployment—Many Homes of Lady Meux—Edward a Year Dead in Society.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
LONDON, May 6.—It would seem tonight as if Mr. Lloyd George with his new insurance scheme to tax the rich for the sake of the poor would compel all Britain to chorus King's verses:

Passing hat for your credit's sake,  
And pay, pay, pay!

which were multitudinally sung twelve years ago when Great Britain was fighting in South Africa. For "Pay, pay, pay!" is what Great Britain must do if the insurance scheme of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for the benefit of the sick and unemployed is to go on the statute books.

It is too early yet, without the text of the bill at hand, to analyze the scheme in detail, but enough is known from Mr. Lloyd George's own speech on Thursday to say that the whole measure may be summed up in the words: "From him who hath shall be taken and upon him who hath not it shall be overlaid."

To the onlooker the most amazing spectacle is the people's complacency, not to say approval of the whole proposition. Everybody seems to favor the general plan, the details only being criticised. No man of the Conservatives apparently has had the nerve or the inclination to rise up and declare that property and thrift have some rights to protection and that it is time to call a halt on paying a premium on idleness and irresponsibility.

Apparently everybody is willing to "Pay, pay, pay!" and give Great Britain, horse, foot and dragons, a perpetuation of Lloyd George and the fortification of socialism.

ANXIOUS INQUIRIES.  
This unanimity, however, is more apparent than real. The House of Commons is unanimous, but as John Bright once said, the House of Commons is never unanimous except when it is in the wrong. The present unanimity is due to political expediency rather than to political economy. The beneficiaries under the bill are all powerful at the polls and party politicians act accordingly.

Nevertheless, while admitting that full criticism is premature until the terms of the bill are known, the voice of criticism is already being uplifted. This naturally is directed toward the practical finance of the scheme. Two great questions must be faced in all such propositions: what will be the cost? and where is the money coming from?

The Chancellor estimates the cost to the State of the insurance against sickness when the plan is in full working order at \$22,500,000 a year. The State's contribution to the unemployed under the scheme is reckoned at \$17,500,000, totalling considerably more than \$28,000,000. The Chancellor's original estimate for old age pensions was \$30,000,000 a year. Already it is \$45,000,000 and it is still rising. Shrewd critics predict that the invalidity and unemployment insurance schemes when in full working order will cost the Government not less than \$50,000,000 a year.

Costing the Government means costing the taxpayer, that is to say, the employer, whose direct contribution to the insurance funds the Chancellor estimates in addition at \$45,000,000 yearly. This means another \$95,000,000 yearly out of the pockets of the already overburdened taxpayer.

PAYING THE PIPER.  
The critics ask: can this be done without a considerable train of added evils ensuing? Other considerations suggest themselves. For instance, how will the scheme affect the workers themselves? It seems a great probability that the sickness and unemployment insurance scheme will increase unemployment. The direct cost to a firm employing 1,200 hands will be \$39,000 a year.

The cost of operating the London Northwestern, Great Western and Great Eastern railways, for example, will be increased by \$600,000 yearly. It will cost the great catering firm of Lyons, Ltd., \$30,000 yearly. H. G. Selfridge estimates that it will cost merchants and tradespeople one-half to 1 per cent. more to do business. Small employers suffer in far heavier proportion. The results naturally to be expected are a reduction in the muster roll of employees and a general reduction of wages. At any rate it cuts off all prospect of increase in pay, such as has been taking place slowly for the last twenty-five years.

LADY MEUX'S LEGACIES.  
The value of the property disposed of in the will of Lady Meux will probably reach \$201,150, or about \$1,000,000, not including the real estate. Vice-Admiral Sir Hedworth Lamont is the chief beneficiary. He gets the historic Theobald's Park house in Hertfordshire, near Waltham Cross, Sheen House, Mortlake, the house at 11 Park Lane and the Chateau de Sully, fifteen miles from Paris. He must assume the arms and name of Meux within a year. F. M. Townsend gets Wiltshire House. The estate cost \$5,000,000. The contents of Theobald's Park will be auctioned on May 15. There is much fine Elizabethan, Carolean and Georgian silver, including over 600 ounces of a rare George I. dinner service, weighing 362 ounces and a collection of Egyptian antiquities. This latter includes the coffin of a priest of Thebes, supposed to be of the date of 2600 B. C., canopic vases and 300 scarabs. The magnificent Elizabethan carved oak staircase, removed from the old Theobald's Palace when it was demolished in 1651, is also to be sold.

ALEXANDRA AUTOBIOGRAPHY.  
It is reported that within a few months Queen Alexandra will devote all of the time possible to the preparation of a volume treating of her own life and that of King Edward VII., for which the greater part of the material has already been collected. Numerous letters to and from social and political friends of the King and Queen are now being copied. The volume at first will be for private circulation, though it may ultimately be re-issued for the public.

KING EDWARD A YEAR DEAD.  
King George, Queen Mary, Queen Alexandra, the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and other members of the royal family attended a memorial service at Windsor to-day on the first anniversary of the death of King Edward VII. Many friends of the late King were present and a great many wreaths were sent to the chapel. The Archbishop of Canterbury conducted the services.

The period of mourning at court being at an end, mourning will be discarded on Sunday and there will be an array of brilliant costumes at next week's balls.

and dinners. The season's festivities have already begun and debutantes are rushing to luncheons, to dinners, to balls and to bed just before dawn.

AMERICANS IN SOCIETY.  
Many Americans were the guests of the Countess Darnley at her dance on Thursday evening. Among those present were Mrs. Cecil Ringham, the Countess Pappenheim and daughter and Lady Cooper and her daughter.

Countess of Stafford, formerly Mrs. Colgate and now Mrs. Kennard, is seen everywhere, gain, charming her pretty stepdaughter, Lady Joan Byng.

Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the American Ambassador, received on Thursday, Mrs. William Phillips, the wife of the First Secretary, and Mrs. Simpson, the wife of Commander Simpson, the Naval Attaché, poured tea. There was a fine orchestral concert.

Ambassador and Mrs. Reid and the Duchess of Marlborough were the guests of the Almeric Paget at dinner on Tuesday.

Lady Paget has improved in health and is to return to London from the Riviera shortly.

Lord and Lady Bateman are back in their Grosvenor Square house for the London season.

The annual garden party and other large entertainments planned by the Asquiths are not to take place owing to the death of Lady Ribblesdale, a sister of Mrs. Asquith, the wife of the Premier.

The Countess of Essex is at Bourton House, which has been renovated and enlarged.

Howard Gould has taken Dunkeld House, Perthshire, for the shooting season.

BIG FIRE AT PORT LIMON.

Dead Loss, as Insurance is Refused in Costa Rican City.

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PORT LIMON, Costa Rica, May 6.—Fire, a long expected disaster in this city, early this morning did \$500,000 damage to the principal business block, destroying three-fourths of it.

The fire was discovered at daybreak. A hand brigade and the one fire engine ineffectually attempted to control the blaze, which finally was conquered by a heavy rain and the use of dynamite.

Attempts of incendiaries have been frequent lately. Finding of oil soaked, rags beneath stairways has been almost a daily incident. Incendiarism is suspected in this case.

As usual the water supply was a mere muddy trickle and even a good fire department would have been helpless. Conditions are so bad with regard to fire protection that insurance has been refused all property owners for several years and the damage to-day is total loss. It has become a proverb that a fire in Panama always foretells a fire here of similar gravity.

TO BRING ORDER TO MANCHURIA

Special Chinese Mission to Seek an Agreement in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, May 6.—Accompanying the Chinese imperial delegation to the British coronation, which is to travel over the Trans-Siberian Railroad there will come a special mission which will stop in St. Petersburg to try to come to an understanding with Russia in regard to the maintenance of order in Manchuria, especially the suppression of the Houthou.

The efforts of the special delegation will be reinforced by the delegation to the coronation on its return from London.

Campaign Against Philippine Independence.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
MANILA, May 6.—War veterans and members of the business community here strenuously disapprove of the introduction in Congress of any bill aiming at neutralization or independence of the Philippines. Special committees have been appointed to study the advisability of initiating a popular demonstration and securing the aid of the United States war veterans.

Gen. Ian Hamilton Coming.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
HAMILTON, Bermuda, May 6.—Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, Inspector-General of the British Overseas Forces, who has been here for a week watching the manoeuvres of the regular and volunteer soldiers, sailed for New York to-day on the steamship Bermudian. He is accompanied by his full staff.

## BAD STRATEGY IN MOROCCO

WEAK FRENCH POLICY MAY PROLONG COMPLICATIONS.

New Sporting Club Has a Scheme for Boxing Referees—Hilness of Gustav Mahler—Old Age Pensions Halted by Working People All Over France.

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PARIS, May 6.—The Government's plans in regard to Morocco are condemned in militant circles as surprising and disquieting on two material points. The first objection is to the purpose to make Dardzari and not Fez the objective of the French troops. The second point disapproved is that Gen. Toutee, who commands the troops from Oran now concentrated at Deiden, has been ordered not to cross the Moulouya River, which divides Algeria and Morocco.

It is argued that as Dardzari is fifty-six miles from Fez it is too far to allow the column to raise the siege of that place and restrict the capital. It is also urged that if the Government's decision was due to a desire to avoid international complications it was deceived, as the plan will prolong the operations and will thus be sure to arouse further criticism.

On the initiative of the Duke Decazes a National Sporting Club has been founded in Paris. It will be run on the same lines as the London club of the same name and it is hoped to make it the headquarters of boxing and the authority on that sport in France. There will be three kinds of exhibitions at the club. The first will be free to members, but guests will pay. At the second both will pay. The last class will be open to the public.

The club has a new method of refereeing the fights. Two judges at opposite sides of the ring drop cards in a box at the end of each round with the combatant's name and a number, from one to five, representing the judges' valuation of the better man's performance. In any round the judges differ the referee will decide the question of superiority.

Gustav Mahler, the former conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, who resigned because of ill health, is in a private hospital at Neuilly, where his condition is reported to be critical. Prof. Chantemesse is treating him for blood poisoning by a new method; namely, injections of serum of the invalid's own blood. Three injections have already been made. They have been followed by serious depression, but Prof. Chantemesse is hopeful of success if the patient's weak heart will resist the effects of the injections. Mr. Mahler's wife and family are with him.

The French Socialists are disgusted to find that the republic's schemes for their benefit fall far shorter of their desires than do those of the English radical financiers. Lloyd George's old age pensions do not require the contribution of the republic, on the contrary, demands the payment by the beneficiaries of a share corresponding to the contribution of the State.

The result is that the French workmen seem to have decided to boycott the pension law, which was passed in April. It ought to come into effect on July 3. According to its provisions all those affected by the measure, namely, wage earners under 65 who are earning less than 3,000 francs (\$500) a year, should have registered their names at the nearest City Hall by April 30. Figures from twenty-three towns, just published, show that less than 5 per cent. of those concerned registered before the date mentioned.

In Paris only 37,000 declarations were received out of 1,500,000 eligible; at Lyons only 6,000 out of 160,000; in Marseilles, 10,000 out of 200,000, and at Brest 22 out of 10,000. The Government made every effort to induce the making of declarations, such as the posting of placards and the sending of individual notices to those interested, but apparently without effect.

The scheme is nominally a compulsory one. A contributory employer retains 9 francs, or \$1.80, annually of a man's wages, 6, or \$1.20, out of a woman's and 4, or 80 cents, out of a minor's. The employer himself contributes a certain share. After thirty annual payments a pension of 360 francs or \$72 accrues to each worker. Of this amount the State contributes 60 francs.

The strongest objection of the beneficiaries to the scheme is against the de-

duction of a certain amount from their wages for a benefit which few believe they will live to realize.

The new trades union daily, the *Bataille Syndicaliste*, is fighting the scheme tooth and nail. The *Humanité*, the socialist organ, on the other hand, strongly supports it.

GARIBALDI FILIBUSTERS.

Italian Government Worried Over Red Shirts Volunteers for Albania.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
ROME, May 6.—Ricciotti Garibaldi has not abandoned his idea of leading a military expedition of Italian volunteers to help the Albanian insurgents although the Government has threatened to prevent by force the departure of any such body. It is reported that Garibaldi has completed arrangements for the equipment of the men, including red shirts like those worn by the followers of his famous father.

It has been feared that the volunteers would sail at night from various Adriatic ports and the Government has accordingly taken extraordinary precautions to prevent any such movement. A naval division and flotilla of destroyers and torpedo boats are cruising along the coast and have been ordered to hold up suspicious vessels and prevent the smuggling of arms and ammunition.

A party of excursionists recently chartered a vessel at Venice for a trip to Ravenna. An Italian man-o-war laid up and searched the vessel thoroughly. The excursionists had the greatest difficulty in convincing the naval officers that it was merely a pleasure party on the vessel and eventually a destroyer was detailed to escort the boat to Ravenna and back to Venice.

SHORE ON THE CRUCIFIX.

Informers Accepts Challenge of Accused Camorrist Priest.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
VITTORE, May 6.—The confrontation to-day of Abbatemaggio, the informer, and Ciro Vitozzi, the priest prisoner, at the trial of the Camorrista for the murder of Gennaro Cuocolo led to some exciting scenes. The priest interrupted the informer's testimony and called him a perjurer. He urged Abbatemaggio to tell the truth, but the informer continued the version which Vitozzi had declared was false.

Thereupon Padre Vitozzi heaped maledictions upon the head of the informer. He pulled a crucifix from his belt and invited Abbatemaggio to swear on it that he was telling the truth. The informer accepted the challenge and repeated his statements, swearing on the crucifix that they were true.

Language Lessons for Emigrants.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
ROME, May 6.—Signor Miti, the new Minister of Agriculture, proposes to establish schools in southern Italy and Sicily to teach colloquial English and Spanish to persons intending to emigrate to North America and Argentina.

## RUSSIAN NAVAL REVIVAL.

Work to Be Spread Out Over Twenty Years, Providing Ships for Every Coast.

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St. Petersburg, May 6.—An act entitled "Regulations for working out the confirmation of the naval shipbuilding programme," which is embodied in the new number of the Imperial Code of Laws signed by the Czar, signifies that the court, Cabinet and Duma majority have come to terms on the main conditions of the plan for the reconstruction of the navy. Hitherto the Duma and the Imperial Council have rejected the defence committee's position that a \$500,000,000 appropriation would be necessary for the construction of a new fleet.

Vice-Admiral Gregorovich, the Minister of Marine, will introduce the programme in the two chambers within a few weeks. It spreads the reconstruction work over a period of twenty years, divided into five year periods of appropriation, each meeting successively the requirements of the situation, in this order: The Black Sea, the Pacific, the Baltic, and the White Sea.

FUND FOR ALPINE HEROES.

Swiss Government Accepts Carnegie Endowment of \$125,000.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
GENEVA, May 6.—The Federal Council has appointed a committee to administer the Swiss Carnegie Hero Fund of \$125,000, which the Government has accepted.

It will be devoted to rewarding men who are injured while attempting to rescue imperiled mountaineers and to compensating the families of those who rescuers if they lose their lives while trying to save adventurous Alpine climbers.

STRANSKY FOR PHILHARMONIC.

Berlin Hears Blüthner Conductor Has New York Engagement for a Year.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.  
BERLIN, May 6.—Josef Stransky, director of the Blüthner Orchestra, has been engaged for a year as conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Berlin has for a long time looked upon Josef Stransky as a conductor of great promise, although he is practically unknown in this country. Each season he directs ten concerts by the Blüthner Orchestra in the Blüthner Saal under the auspices of the Berlin Concertverein.

He is also conductor of the Gura opera season at Kroll's Theatre, the annex of the Berlin Royal Opera.

Stransky is described by Teutonic music lovers as temperamental but well poised, a man who has shown himself extremely liberal in his tastes, keenly interested in the modern school of composition and considered by the Berlin critics to be an authority on the works of this school. Stransky, unlike so many of his colleagues, has made it a practice to include the compositions of the young and practically unknown composers in his programmes when he thinks their work of sufficient importance.

He has shared with Richard Strauss and Arthur Nikisch the honors of directing the most important symphonic concerts of the last season.

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